

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 16, 2019 the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in room 2-A.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair
Jason Blando, Public Member
Elizaida Delgado, LPN
Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN – *via telephone*
Geraldine Marrocco, RN
Gina M. Reiners, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary M. Brown, RN
Mary Dietmann, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Alfreda Gaither, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Deborah Brown, Health Program Associate
Helen Smith Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Agnieszka Salek, Paralegal Specialist, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Henry Abbott Technical School and Central Connecticut State University, Shelton Campus

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard reported that she, along with Gina Reiners and Geraldine Marrocco, met with representatives from the Office of the State Auditors as part of a review of Connecticut's Prescription Monitoring Program.

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Nothing to report

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to add a Motion for Summary Suspension regarding Concetta Mancini, RN to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2019 meeting. The motion passed with all in favor except Elizaida Delgado and Jennifer Long who abstained.

SCHOOL ISSUES

A. **Faculty Credential Review**

At its meeting on May 15, 2019, the Board requested that the DPH conduct an audit of faculty credentials for all pre-licensure programs in Connecticut.

Credentials for faculty at Sothern Connecticut State University; University of Bridgeport; University of St. Joseph, and Yale School of Nursing were reviewed at today's meeting.

Lisa Freeman arrived at 9:50 a.m.

B. **Lincoln Technical Institute - Approval of Nursing Program Administrator**

Deborah Little and Patricia DeLucia were present from Lincoln Technical Institute.

This matter is tabled until the November 20, 2019 meeting to allow for additional information to be presented.

C. **Stone Academy - Approval of Program Director**

Linda Dahlin and Terry Kinsley were present from Stone Academy.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve Ms. Kinsley as Practical Nurse Program Administrator. The motion passed unanimously.

D. **Porter & Chester Institute – Plan of Correction**

Nancy Brunet and Debra Hessel were present from Porter & Chester Institute

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a synopsis of the Porter & Chester's plan of correction.

Porter & Chester will be scheduled to return at the November 20, 2019 meeting to provide a monthly update.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of nursing scope of practice inquires received by the Department of Public Health during September 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH provided an overview regarding rulings issued by the Board on March 21, 2007 in the matters of Meg Fenn, RN, APRN and Rose Ann Olsen, RN. The rulings concern the submission of treatment records in substance abuse related cases.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Melissa Eccles, LPN - Petition No. 2018-123

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Melissa Eccles. Ms. Eccles was not present and was not represented.

Geraldine Marrocco moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice as a nurse is a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety and welfare. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing will be scheduled for November 20, 2019.

Renee Cottrill, LPN - Petition No. 2019-896

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Renee Cottrill. Ms. Cottrill was not present and was not represented.

Geraldine Marrocco moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice as a nurse is a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety and welfare. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing will be scheduled for November 20, 2019.

Concetta Mancini, RN - Petition No. 2019-1109

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Concetta Mancini. Ms. Mancini was present with Attorney John D'Ambrosio.

Lisa Freeman moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice as a nurse is a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety and welfare. The motion was seconded by Elizaida Delgado and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing will be scheduled for November 20, 2019.

Jennifer Long left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

PRE-HEARING REVIEW

Luz A. Asto, LPN - Petition No: 2018-443

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented a pre-hearing review packet in this matter. Ms. Asto was present with Attorney Heather Berchem.

The Board recommended that a hearing be scheduled in this matter.

CONSENT ORDERS

Amanda Claffey, RN - Petition No: 2019-102

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Amanda Claffey RN.

Ms. Claffey was present but was not represented by counsel.

Gina Reiners moved and Lisa Freeman seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of four years.

The motion unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Patricia Fryer, RN - Petition No: 2019-760

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Patricia Fryer, RN.

Ms. Fryer was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Gina Reiners moved and Elizaida Delgado seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of four years.

The motion unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Kathryn Lovejoy, RN - Petition No: 2019-272

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Kathryn Lovejoy, RN.

Ms. Lovejoy was present with Attorney Richard Brown...

Gina Reiners moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded, to approve the Consent. The motion failed with all voting not to approve the Consent Order, except for Elizaida Delgado who abstained.

Following further review, Geraldine Marrocco moved and Gina Reiners seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of four years.

The motion with all in favor except for Jason Blando who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Armand Ntchana, APRN - Petition No: 2019-726

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Patricia Fryer, RN.

Mr. Ntchana was present but was not represented by counsel.

Geraldine Marrocco moved and Elizaida Delgado seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and probation for a period of one year.

The motion with all in favor except for Gina Reiners who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Break 11:40 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.

Greg Ulrich, RN - Petition No. 2018-255

Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Thomas Noonan.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to enter executive session to obtain testimony regarding confidential treatment records. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 12:05 p.m. until 3:50 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

The hearing conclude. Fact-finding will be scheduled for November 20, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., Chair
Board of Examiners for Nursing